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REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 16-20 are currently pending, of which claims 1 and 16 are in independent form.

Favorable consideration of the present application as currently constituted is respectfully requested.

Regarding the Election and Restriction

In the original Restriction/Election requirement dated March 20, 2006, SIX species were identified as follows: Specie I: Figure 1A; Specie II: Figure 1B; Specie III: Figure 2A; Specie IV: Figure 2B; Specie V: Figure 3; and Specie VI: Figure 4. It was further provided in the March 20, 2006 Action as follows with respect to available options in preparing a proper response:

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions or species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions or species to be obvious variants **or clearly admit on the record that this is the case.** In either case, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention. (Emphasis supplied). See Office Action dated March 20, 2006, at page 4, paragraph 3.

In the response of April 20, 2006, Applicant stated the following:

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As to the election and/or restriction with respect to the various species identified in the pending Office Action, Applicant hereby elects species I, II, and V upon which the elected claims of Group I read, and respectfully submits that the elected species I, II, and V define the same essential characteristics of a unified inventive concept. In other words, it is believed that the identified species I, II, and V are not patentably distinct and the patentability of the pending base claims 1 and 16 is tied together. See Applicant's Response dated April 20, 2006, at page 9.

Applicant contends that Applicant's response of April 20, 2006 satisfies the requirement set forth by the Examiner in the Action of March 20, 2006, i.e., admit that the elected species I, II, and V are obvious variants. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending Action of July 11, 2006 maintaining that Applicant's April 20, 2006 response was not fully responsive is without merit, and should therefore be withdrawn.


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SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to favorably consider the present patent application and advance the prosecution thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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